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his own genius. He is but twenty-nine years of age, and should his growth for the next ten years equal that of the last ten, we cannot easily say how high a place he may reach, and hold for all coming time, in the catalogue of the British poets.

- 30.— *Central Africa. Adventures and Missionary Labors in several Countries in the Interior of Africa, from 1849 to 1856.* By T. J. BOWEN. Charleston: Southern Baptist Publication Society. 1857. 12mo. pp. 359.

THIS work comes to hand just as we are preparing our last instalment of copy for the press. It deserves such a notice as it is impossible for us now to give, and we may recur to it in some future number. It commences with a brief recapitulation of earlier and later researches in Africa, then proceeds to a detailed account of the present condition of Liberia and its inhabitants, and then passes to Yoruba, the chief seat of the author's missionary labors,—a country whose southern boundary is about eighty miles north of the Bight of Benin. The geography, plants, animals, ethnology, language, manners, traditions, religion, and government of this previously almost unknown region constitute the subjects of the greater part of the volume. This is another of the very numerous instances in which an enterprise of Christian philanthropy is rendering back to its birth-land and the civilized world a rich tribute of rare and valuable scientific and statistical knowledge. We doubt whether the funds of the Smithsonian Institution could in any other way so surely subserve the testator's purpose of "diffusing knowledge among men," as by being appropriated to the support of foreign missionaries. Certainly, without aid from government, more of curious, and accurate, and valuable information as to all that concerns nature and man has emanated from our American missionaries since Smithson's bequest became available, than has been given to the world from the income of that noble endowment.

NOTE TO ARTICLE III.

SINCE this article was written, intelligence has been received of the death, at Beirut, of that eminent scholar, Rev. Eli Smith, D. D., who, amid the incessant labors of his calling as a missionary, was yet able to contribute as much as any man of his age to Sacred Geography and

Philology. It is worthy of emphatic remark, that these departments of knowledge have received more aid from devoted and earnest missionaries than from all other classes of inquirers,—their world-renowned professors having derived the choicest materials for their master-works of scholarly diligence from the observations and researches of those self-denying philanthropists.

NEW PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Third Report of the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, to the Right Honorable Sir George Grey, Bart., &c., &c., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. London. 1856. 8vo. pp. 273.

Twelfth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Schools in Rhode Island. Made to the General Assembly, at its January Session, A. D. 1857. By Robert Allyn, Commissioner of Public Schools. Providence. 1857. 8vo. pp. 108.

Fourth Annual Report of the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, with accompanying Documents, for the Year 1856. Boston. 1857. 8vo. pp. 351.

Eighth Report of the Ministry at Large in Roxbury. Roxbury. 1857.

Fourteenth Annual Report of the Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum. Albany. 1857.

Nineteenth Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Brighton, for 1856–57. Cambridge. 1857.

A Report of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the Opinions of the Judges thereof, in the Case of *Dred Scott versus John F. A. Sanford*. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1857.

The Historical Magazine, and Notes and Queries concerning the Antiquities, History, and Biography of America. Vol. I. Nos. 1–3. Boston. C. Benjamin Richardson.

Harper's Story-Books. No. 29. Lapstone. — No. 30. Orkney. — No. 31. Judge Justin. New York: Harper & Brothers. 1857.

Fleurs d'Amerique. Poésies Nouvelles, par Dominique Rouquette. New Orleans. 1857. 8vo. pp. 303.

Arguments of the Counsel of Trinity Church, before the Senate Committee. Albany. 1857.

The Cerographic Missionary Atlas. New York: Sidney Morse & Co.

Has Oude been worse governed by its native Princes than our Indian Territories by Leadenhall Street? By Malcolm Lewis, Esq., late Second Judge of the Sudder Court of Madras. London: James Ridgway. 1857.

Information for Kansas Immigrants. Prepared by Thomas H. Webb, Secretary of the New England Emigrant Aid Co. Boston. 1857.

Report of the Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts His-